IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA **COLUMBIA DIVISION**

Nelson L. Bruce,) Civil Action Number: 3:25-cv-04020-SAL-PJG
Plaintiff,)
vs.	
)
The United States, et al.)
Defendants.)

DEFENDANT'S CERTIFICATION

Assistant United States Attorney Beth Drake, Counsel for the United States, certifies that she has read and is familiar with the Local Civil Rules for the District of South Carolina.

Further, I, AUSA Beth Drake, certify that I have received the order authorizing issuance and service of process in this case and have reviewed the Court's construction of the pleading.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned Assistant United States Attorney hereby certifies that she has caused the attached **DEFENDANT'S CERTIFICATION** to be served by an employee of the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina who is a person of such age and discretion as to be competent to serve papers.

Therefore, on August 26, 2025, a copy of the foregoing document will be filed via the Court's CM/ECF system and will be served by U.S. mail to the name and address listed below from the United States Attorney's Office, 1441 Main Street, Suite 500, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

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